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## **Wild Horse & Burro Adoption Returning to Beaumont!**

*Still dreaming of adopting your own Wild Horse or Burro? Turn that dream into a reality!*

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is heading to the Fairpark Coliseum on March 31 – April 2. The three-day event will feature approximately 90 spectacular animals available for adoption on April 1 and 2.

Preview of all animals available for adoption begins Thursday, March 31 from 4 – 6 p.m. Doors open at 8 a.m. the remainder of the weekend. The competitive bid adoption begins on Friday, April 1, at 10 a.m. Following the initial competitive bid on Friday morning, walkup adoptions will continue throughout the weekend until noon on Saturday, April 2. The minimum adoption fee is \$125, per animal to qualified adopters.

The majority of the weanlings available for adoption were born in captivity on BLM contracted pastures in Oklahoma and Kansas, and the studs and mares were gathered from herds in the western states. Approximately 10 burros will be available for adoption.

Local resident Judge Carl Griffith Jr. has adopted three BLM horses over the years. “Mustangs are a level above other horses,” he said. “They’re incredibly smart. They have to be in order to survive on the range.”

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Wild Horse and Burro Program Manager Bob Mitchell observed, “These animals are noted for their endurance, sure-footedness, and strong sense of loyalty to their caretaker.”

To qualify to adopt at the event, bidders must be at least 18 years old, with no record of animal abuse. In addition, adopters must have specific facilities and can adopt no more than four animals. All animals **must be loaded** in a covered trailer with solid walls and floors – no drop ramp trailers.

This event presents an opportunity for the public to participate in the adoption process and share in their American heritage. All of the wild horses and burros are gathered from herd management areas in California, Oregon, Nevada, New Mexico, Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, and Arizona. The BLM has placed more than 203,000 horses in approved homes across the country.

For more information on the Beaumont adoption, call **866-4-Mustangs**, or visit [www.wildhorseandburro.gov](http://www.wildhorseandburro.gov).

**Directions to Fairpark Coliseum: 2600 Gulf Street. From I-10, take exit 854(MLK Parkway) and continue north until you come to Gulf street. Turn right on Gulf street and continue to coliseum.**

**Media Activities:**

- Excellent photo opportunities starting **Thursday** morning, 8 a.m. Watch wild horses arrive to the site and wranglers unload them for the adoption.
- Follow an adopter from registration to the ride home.
- Talk with past adopters about their experience with the program.
- Meet BLM mascots – Chester and Radar.
- Interview BLM Wild Horse and Burro Specialists about the history of the program, and find out what qualifies as a good home.

*The Bureau of Land Management is responsible for managing the nation’s public lands. With the passage of the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act of 1971, the Bureau gained the responsibility to care for wild horses and burros on these lands in harmony with other natural resources. When an over-population of wild horses and burros exists on these public lands, some animals are removed and offered to the general public for adoption.*